

“This project is about creating more than a building; it’s about empowering creativity, community, and student success for generations to come.”

— HGA Architects and PCL Construction Services, Inc.

Meet the Design-Build Team: HGA Architects & PCL Construction Services

Leading the Performing Arts Center & English/Gallery Building Project at San Diego Mesa College

What excites your team most about being selected for this project?

We are delighted and honored to have this opportunity to contribute to the district’s mission of elevating social and economic prosperity for its diverse student body, and to do so through a building typology that is so intrinsic to the human experience.

Also, we’re thrilled to continue our ongoing collaborating with San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) – a first-rate client with an ambitious vision, clarity of purpose and strong set of values that resonate with our team through and through.

How will you work with the district and campus community to bring this project to life?

We view our collaboration with the district as a true partnership, embracing the spirit of shared governance and co-creation to deliver a facility that will maximize its impact to each and every student. As part of that collaboration, we’ll be hosting engagement activities that range from targeted programming workshops to broad-outreach townhall sessions, and our team will ensure that every voice is heard while carefully managing wants and needs to drive decision-making and consensus-building.

Our team’s role is to listen carefully, translate needs into design, and create

spaces that reflect Mesa's spirit while advancing the District's vision for student success, environmental stewardship, and fiscal responsibility.

What experience does your team bring that will help deliver a successful outcome?

Performing arts is a highly specialized building type, and PCL and HGA have delivered countless performing arts facilities for higher education clients across the country. One notable example is the Historic Theatre Revitalization at SDCCE's Educational Cultural Complex on which PCL and HGA are currently collaborating.

This depth of experience offers a proven ability to integrate design, technical expertise, and community engagement on large and complex efforts that directly translate to a road map for success on the Performing Arts, Administration, and Parking Structure project.

How do you plan to incorporate sustainability, accessibility, or other district priorities into the design and construction?

We envision this to be a building for everyone – a welcoming and inclusive destination that can showcase holistic planning and long-term environmental stewardship. Sustainability and accessibility will guide every decision — from how the building is positioned on the hillside, to the systems, materials, and pathways we design. And safety is a top priority – not only for building occupants over the life of the facility, but throughout the construction phase leading up to its occupancy.

Our goal is to deliver a space that is inspiring, inclusive, and enduring.

What impact do you hope this project will have for students, faculty, and the wider community?

We hope this project empowers students and faculty as Olympians — giving them a place to perform, to learn, and to grow.

Our ultimate goal is to create more than just a building, but a place of

community building and engagement.

This will be a signature space—one that prepares students at Mesa College for the future, while serving as a cultural and educational centerpiece of creativity and pride for generations to come.